

SUICIDE RATE FOR PERSONS 15-24 YEARS OF AGE

Objective

By 1990, the rate of suicide among people 15 to 24 should be below 11 per 100,000.

Explanatory Notes

Consists of ICD codes E950-959 of both the Eighth and Ninth revisions.

Findings

The state's suicide rate for young people oscillated above and below the objective during the late 1970s up until 1989, when it rose markedly. In the next few years we will be able to ascertain whether or not this "spike" is random variation or the beginning of higher rates more similar to the nation's.

Related National Year 2000 Objectives

- o Reduce suicides to no more than 10.5 per 100,000 people.
- o Reduce suicides among youth aged 15 through 19 to no more than 8.2 per 100,000 people.
- o Reduce suicides among men aged 20 through 34 to no more than 21.4 per 100,000 people.
- o Reduce suicides among white men aged 65 and older to no more than 39.2 per 100,000 people.
- o Reduce suicides among American Indian/Alaska Native men in reservation states to no more than 12.8 per 100,000 people.
- o Reduce to 15 percent the incidence of injurious suicide attempts among adolescents aged 14 through 17.

Data Sources

North Carolina: State Center for Health and Environmental Statistics
United States: National Center for Health Statistics